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Elba begins $2.3 million sewer project

by **Linda Hodge**, Staff Writer

The Elba City Council wasted no time in taking care of the city's business Monday night during their regular meeting as they were in and out in less than thirty minutes.

In a matter of unfinished business, the council reconsidered the request of Jackie Hodge to lease some property at the old school for a horse arena. The council had tabled this issue at its last meeting.

Mayor James Grimes told council members that he had thought about this request since the last meeting, and he did not think this property would be the best place for a horse arena at this time.

"There are a couple of businesses looking at moving into the old school and one into the old gym," Grimes said. "With this in mind, it is my recommendation that we not lease this property to Mr. Hodge."

Following a hint of hesitation from the council, the city clerk, Don Morrow, said he had spoken with Hodge earlier in the day, and he had no problem with the council choosing not to lease the land.

After hearing that Hodge would not be offended by a denial of his earlier request, a motion was made to not lease the land and all voted in favor of not leasing the land to Hodge for a horse arena.

In matters of new business, council members entertained bids which had been made on two houses in the FEMA buyout program.

A $100 bid was the only one made on the Molly Stellner house, and Mayor Grimes recommended that the council not accept the bid. Therefore, a motion was made not to accept the bid and instead, for the city to tear down the house for their inkind services. All council members seemed to agree that this would be the best course of action and approved the motion.

No bids were received on the MacArthur Reed house, and a motion was made for the city also to tear down this this house for inkind services.

In other business, the council approved a resolution for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Sewer Project. This long planned project will extend sewer service to residents on Highway 84, from Kleinerts to the city limits. It is seperate from the just started major mulit-million dollar sewer rebuild which started this week.

Also, the council adopted a ordinance relating to the $2,279,000 citywide sewer rehab project.

SEWER PROJECT BEGINS...in the Brookdale Subdivision. The contractor, Speegal of Niceville, FL, has 320 working days to complete the sewer rehab project in Elba. Workmen are pictured above at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Oak Street making preparations to install pumping equipment which will be used to remove ground water. This has to be done before the sewer pipe and manholes can be installed. According to Elba City Clerk Donnie Morrow, the contractor had allowed 5 weeks for the work to be completed in the Brookdale area. In other areas of the city, in-line TV cameras are being used to check the sewer lines.

Safety must come first in celebrating the 4th of July holiday with fireworks

by **Linda Hodge**, Staff Writer

On Sunday, America will celebrate its 223rd birthday, and many people will fittingly enjoy the birthday celebration with cookouts and fireworks.

And, during this time of excitement and fun, it is important to remember that safety must come first. With this in mind, Elba Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers offers some helpful hints in assuring this 4th of July will indeed be a safe and happy one.

"You can have lots of fun with fireworks, but if you're are not safe, you will be sorry," Driggers said. "This is the same advice I give to my firemen about responding to fires and is true for most things because you can either be safe or be sorry."

Driggers said before lighting fireworks, the user should read all safety labels because those hazard labels are required by the federal government to ensure the safety of the user. Also, he said never pick up fireworks that have been lit but did not go off. Although one appears to be a dud, it could still explode and result in serious injury if being held at that time.

To avoid situations which could get out of control, Driggers said it is important to shoot fireworks in well cleared areas which are free of trees and brush.

"You can also loose control of fireworks if you shoot them in windy condition," he added.

Also, it is recommended not to light whole packs of fireworks at one time because they will scatter and could create a situation that is beyond control.

Even sparklers, which are considered to be some of the least dangerous fireworks, can become extremely dangerous or even deadly if tied

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Commission holds routine near record setting meeting

by **Marvin McIlwain**, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a near record setting meeting on Monday with its bi-monthly meeting lasting less than thirty minutes.

After completing the house keeping chores - approval of minutes, etc., Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis, since there was no old or new business on the agenda, immediately recognized the County Engineer, Randy Tindell.

Tindell surprised everyone having only one item which required formal action by the commission.

He reminded the members of the commission of the state furnished computer in his office that allows his department to encode bridge inspections. Tindell noted that it was several years old, and he had been advised by the state that they were in the process of updating their computers. This action requires the commission to sign an agreement for the use of that computer.

The commissioners unanimously passed a resolution allowing the chairman to enter into an agreement with the state for them to up-date and continue providing the computer to the county highway department. This service is provided at no cost to the county.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley read off a list of proposed sites where the early one-day absentee voting will be held in the county. Legislative Act 99-388 requires that a site be designated at each courthouse and the largest municipality that does not have a courthouse.

"In our case, it is Elba, Enterprise and New Brockton," said Mobley.

The list read off to the commissioners indicated where voters in each precinct would be required to go in order to cast an early absentee vote. This list has to be approved by the U. S. Justice Department after which it will be made public.

Mobley told commissioners that due to Governor Don Siegelman calling for a special election in October, it is necessary for this action to be taken as soon as possible. Commissioners signed a resolution requesting the Justice Department to approve the proposed sites.

The administrator also requested authorization to send out bid requests on the relocation of the next two properties on the hazardous mitigation project. They were approved for relocation in the last commission meeting.

In the general business session from the commissioners, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple inquired from the county engineer as to the status of the striping on Co. Rd. 606.

Tindell commented that he had been delaying any striping until after the state inspection; however, he noted that the state is running way behind and, he will probably have to go ahead with Co. Rd. 606 as well as other roads in need of striping.

Both Tindell and Dalrymple agreed this [lack of striping] was creating a driving hazard especially at night, and action should and will be taken as soon as possible.

Chairman Lewis requested instructions from members of the commission as to where the pole barn for the EMA [Coffee County Emergency Management Agency] should be constructed on the property adjacent to the county jail.

Commissioner Dalrymple commented that he thought it should be built on the backside of the lot near the county jail. A motion to that effect by Dalrymple drew a second from Commissioner Tom Grimsley.

After several minutes of discussion, the location was approved by a 4-2-1 vote. Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Robert Stephens, Dalrymple and Grimsley favored the location while Commissioners Len Averett and Linda Westbrook voted against the location. Chairman Lewis abstained from voting.

The shelter will be used to store EMA equipment such as mobile generators and other items which will have to be serviced periodically even while they are in storage.

EMA Director Charles Webb had requested that the "pole barn" be located in close proximity to the office for convenience, but said it would pose no problem if located on the rear of the lot.

Commissioner Grimsley commented that by locating the facility on the rear of the lot, it would probably eliminate any possibility of having to move the facility in the future. Also, he noted that by it being located closer to the jail, better security for the equipment would possibly be provided.

Turing to another matter, Commissioner Grimsley, after commenting on how nice the grounds (landscaping) of the new Enterprise Courthouse looked, made a motion that the county administrator draw up some specifications and send out bids for keeping these grounds up and looking nice. The motion seconded by the chairman passed unanimously.

Finally, Commissioner Brooks, also commenting on the new courthouse and the ribbon cutting ceremony held last Sunday, expressed a desire to have some type of formal press release prepared thanking all those individuals who had a part in developing this project.

The commissioners adjourned to sign bills. Their next meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex located in New Brockton.

Wayne Farms/Southland honors top poultry growers in area

by **Marvin McIlwain**, Editor

Wayne Farms held its 4th Annual Growers Appreciation Night on Thursday, June 24, at the New Brockton Farm Center.

The event allowed Wayne Farms to show its appreciation to the growers for their hard work and dedication. They also recognized the top producers in broilers and breeders for 1998.

More than 200 growers attended and enjoyed a delicious meal of what else but barbecue chicken with all the trimmings. After the meal, the top producers in broilers, hen, and pullets received a gift certificate and a plaque in recognition of their accomplishments. All other top producers received a plaque.

The Top Broiler producer for 1998 was Jerry Hollis. He was also recognized as the Most Improved Farm for 1998.

Hollis, who lives just off AL Hwy. 167 near Enterprise, has been growing broilers for Wayne Farms for the past nine years. In 1996, he received the Top Producer award, and in 1997, he was among the top ten producers.

Hollis' wife, Gayla, is a nurse with the Alabama Department of Public Health. They have two children, Chelsey, 13, and Heath, 10, who attend school in New Brockton.

Jerry Hollis is proof that hard work and dedication reap benefits.

The family attends church at New Tabernacle Southern Methodist Church in Ariton where Jerry serves as superintendent of Sunday School and is a trustee.

The following growers, along with Hollis, were recognized by Wayne Farms/Southland for their outstanding boiler performance in 1998. They were: Billy and Jeanne Eagerton, Harrell Farms, Salome

Jerry Hollis
Top Broiler Producer

and Bruce Wilson, Tim Harrison, Mike Hines & Scott Cooper, Jimmy and Joyce Lashley, Randall and Carol Cox, Dennis and Laura Walker, and Dixieland Farms.

Other honorees were as follows:

Dale and Betty White of Dale County, Hen Grower of the Year for 1998; Mike and Kristy Smith of Elba, Best Feed Conversion for 1998; Howard and Linda Reeves of Samson, Most Hatching Eggs per Hen for 1998; Dennis and Judy Hawthorne of Elba, Most Improved Hen Farm for 1998; Buster Shiver of Geneva, Best Pullet Grower for the Year 1998; Jim and Eve Sharpless of Elba, Best Pullet Livability for 1998; Homer and Billy Jackson of Enterprise, Best Feed Conversion for 1998; and Russell, Clara, Jacky and Mary Rodgers, who have operated their hen farm for twenty years growing their last batch in 1998.

(Editor's Note: Other award winners' are pictured inside on Page 2)

Area Happenings

CITY OF ELBA HOLIDAY CLOSING The City of Elba offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 6, at 8 a.m. There will be standby crews for emergencies: street, sewer, electrical and water. To report any emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be: Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up on Thursday; Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday; Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday.

TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON HOLIDAY CLOSING The town hall at New Brockton will be closed on July 5th for the Independence Day holiday. Emergency services will be available. Garbage pickup will be changed to Tuesday and Thursday for that week.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE The Elba community and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, July 6, at the Elba First United Methodist Church from 3-6 p.m. in their fellowship hall. Individuals in Elba and surrounding communities are asked to give an hour of our time to the Red Cross on Tuesday to donate a pint of blood.

Alabama State Troopers estimate 15 could die during holiday weekend

Alabama State Troopers will be out in force during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday period to help ensure safe travel on the state's roadways. They urge all motorists to drive with caution, obeying speed limits and using seat belts and securing children in child safety seats.

During the holiday travel period, federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit, DUI and work zone enforcement will allow all available troopers to be on duty.

Public Safety estimates 15 people may be killed in traffic wrecks in Alabama during the 78-hour period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, July 2, and ends at midnight Monday, July 5.

In 1998, 12 people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 78-hour July fourth holiday period, nine on rural roads and three in urban areas. At least five of the deaths were alcohol related, and only three of the wreck victims were using safety belts.

Troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled vacation and beach routes, including interstates statewide, U.S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery. In addition to routine patrol activity, troopers will conduct driver license checkpoints and aerial speed enforcement. At checkpoints and when patrolling, troopers will be watchful for compliance with the state's child restraint and safety belt laws.

Under Alabama's child restraint law, a child safety seat is required for children through age three in the front and back seats. Children ages four and five must be secured in a child safety seat or a regular safety belt. The state's safety belt law requires all front-seat occupants to buckle-up.

In an effort to increase safety belt use and prevent traffic deaths and injuries caused by failure to buckle up, Alabama, this year, toughened its safety belt requirement by adopting a primary safety belt law. The new primary law allows officers, beginning in December, to ticket motorists for failure to buckle up without first citing them for another traffic offense.

During the July Fourth period, and throughout the summer travel season, troopers also will take part in Summer Watch, a safety awareness campaign highlighting work zone safety, safety belt and child restraint use, road rage, DUI and other traffic safety-related initiatives. Summer Watch is being sponsored by Gov. Don Siegelman, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Federal Highway Administration and the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

In connection with Summer Watch, motorists traveling on Interstate 65 may obtain placards at ALDOT rest areas which include safety tips, work zone sites and information utilizing *HP (cellular phone call to state trooper offices) to report highway emergencies.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Outside the back door of *The Elba Clipper* there has for many years been a pair of horseshoes embedded in concrete, the last remaining symbol of the mule stables which once occupied the property. Recently the City of Elba was doing some water line digging along the street and on a spur of the moment we asked them to please preserve the embedded horseshoes. Well, that created a lot of jokes including pointed comments about the ol' jackass who still occupied the property, but our request was carried out and in a masterful way. Our simple thoughts were that they would have to carefully concrete around the area, but the city crew removed the shoes without damage and reset them perfectly in the new concrete. Salute!

Now we learn that the Alabama Republican Party has its act together so well that those in charge have announced they are going to help their buddies in New York defeat Hillary Clinton in her quest for political office! Does this snide remark mean we support the First Lady for the U. S. Senate . . . no way. She is awfully smart, but also toting a lot of guilt for her cover-ups in the Bill Clinton assorted problems and affairs. It does mean our memory is strong enough to remember how Alabama voters howled when out-of-state political types openly opposed the late Governor George Wallace. It is doubtful that holding a statewide political party office makes a person smarter or dumber than us regular folks. It does however spread their less-than-smart actions across the nation, for all to see, rather than just to the friends sitting at the coffee table or talking with us on the telephone.

ATTITUDE

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free. I get to choose what kind of day I will have.

Have a Great Day...Unless you have other plans

FIREWORKS
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together and burned at the same time. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to never light more than one at any particular time.

When shooting aerial fireworks, Driggers said it is important to position the fireworks at an angle where they will fall away from you instead of on you.

And, he said to use lighting sticks to light fireworks rather than striking a match each time. This will cut down on the chances for an accident to occur.

One of the most important suggestions Driggers said he can offer, if not the most important, is to ensure adult supervision for children, especially those under the age of 12. However, it is important that no one, child or adult, shoot fireworks alone. If there is a problem, having someone near will ensure quicker response time from those who can help.

As for those who will celebrate the holiday with cookouts, Driggers said you should always have a plan for extinguishing the fire. Since grilling is considered as a Class A fire, he said water would be sufficient in putting out the fire.

However, Driggers said the best solution for putting out a fire, whether it be a Class A, B or C, is to have a Class A,B and C fire extinguisher accessible.

However you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July, Driggers said it is important to realize that the 28 volunteer firemen of the Elba Fire Department are always on call to assist you in a time of need. And, attaining their assistance is a simple as dialing 911.

"I would rather respond to a fire and arrive at the scene with it already out than arrive at one where the person waited too long to call us and it be out of control," Driggers said. "I tell people to call the fire department when you think you need them, not when you know you need them. It may be too late by then."

Wayne Farms Award Winners

Pictured above are (l-r): front row (kneeling) - Jason Smith (son of Mike and Kristy Smith), Buster Shiver, and Homer Jackson; back row - Betty White, Eve Sharpless, Howard and Linda Reeves, Dennis and Judy Hawthorne, Mike and Kristy Smith, and Clara and Russell Rodgers.Pictured above are (l-r): front row (kneeling) - Billy Eagerton, Tim Harrison, and Jerry Hollis; back row - Bruce and Salome Wilson, Dennis and Laura Walker, Randall and Carol Cox, Scott Cooper, Jimmy and Joyce Lashley, Mike Hines, and Hunter Lashley (Jimmy and Joyce Lashley's grandson).

Pictured above are (l-r): front row (kneeling) - Jason Smith (son of Mike and Kristy Smith), Buster Shiver, and Homer Jackson; back row - Betty White, Eve Sharpless, Howard and Linda Reeves, Dennis and Judy Hawthorne, Mike and Kristy Smith, and Clara and Russell Rodgers.

Alabama Legislature establishes senior trust fund

State Treasurer Lucy Baxley, Senator Jimmy Holley and Senator Gerald Dial worked to pass legislation creating the Senior Citizens Trust Fund which will receive funding from the tobacco settlement. Ms. Baxley was very active in supporting the concept from the beginning. She said, "We owe it to our Seniors to provide part of the tobacco settlement for the needed services for those who have given so much to the State over the years." Senator Holley, the primary sponsor of the legislation, has been a proactive supporter of all Senior Programs. He said, "We do not do enough for our Senior Citizens, and I stand committed to continue working in the legislature to improve funding for all Senior Citizens. They deserve this and more!"

Senator Dial, who serves as Chairman of the Board of the Commission on Aging, had high praise for both Ms. Baxley and Senator Holley. He said, "Without their dedicated efforts the Senior Citizens Trust Fund would not have become a reality. I want to thank both of them and the hundreds of Seniors who came to the State House to lobby for these funds. It was because of their efforts that we were successful. I challenge each Senior to contact their legislators as we continue our fight to provide adequate service for Senior Programs."

The Citizens Trust Fund will receive funds from the tobacco settlement and other funds that may be directed by the legislature. The interest from these funds will provide added service for Senior Programs.

There are at present over 12,000 people on the waiting list for the Senior Nutritional Program. This will allow the expansion of that program.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 21, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one missing person, two assaults, four thefts of property, one runaway juvenile, five harassments, six criminal mischiefs, two criminal trespasses, one harassing communication, one possession of a controlled substance, one fugitive from justice, two possessions of drug paraphernalia, three DUIs, one hit and run (vehicle), one public intoxication, and one burglary.

The following arrests were made during the week: two for public intoxication, two for criminal trespass, four for harassment, three for criminal mischief, two for assault, one on a fugitive from justice warrant, and two for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, one for running a stop sign, two for driving without a license, three for DUI, and two for driving while driver's license are suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 21 - River stage - 4.20 feet (6:27 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 - River stage - 3.97 feet (6:39 a.m.); Disturbance at Beaver Dam Apts. (5:24 p.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (8:26 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 - River stage - 3.44 feet (6:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Medical Center Enterprise (4:27 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 - River stage - 4.96 feet (6:12 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of Yelverton and Davis streets (7:39 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (4:05 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Little Beaver Trailer Court (3:53 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a mobile home fire in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline Street (4:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS responded to trailer fire on Caroline Street (4:17 a.m.); River stage 4.95 feet (6:49 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at the intersection of Reese Avenue and AL 203 (6:04 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - River stage - 6.61 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (9:48 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Adkinson Street (10:29 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - River stage - 6.80 (6:28 a.m.); River stage - 7.55 (10:32 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on AL Hwy. 189 (12:29 p.m.); River stage - 12.84 (2:06 p.m.); River stage - 13.97 (3:07 p.m.); River stage - 15.35 (4:44 p.m.); River stage - 15.96 (5:42 p.m.); River stage - 16.44 (6:44 p.m.); River stage - 17.07 (9:09 p.m.); Fight reported in Morrow Village (9:42 p.m.); River stage - 17.31 (10:26 p.m.); River stage - 17.50 (11:37 p.m.);

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANONYMOUS

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 21, 1999 through June 27, 1999. They were: Bell Wood, Johnnie Grant, Mary Odom, Willie McClain, Faye Kyle, Thomas Smith, Mary Crandel, Elizabeth Bass, and Herro Wilkerson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Gwen Rayborn, Mary Lou Smith, Hudson Ennis, Christopher Rayborn, William Legear, Lula Cole, Charlie Hudson, Mary Odom, Willie McClain, Bell Wood, Faye Kyle, Mary Crandel, Thomas Smith, Johnnie Grant, and Elizabeth Bass.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In the developing years, the Alabama Sports Festival used a rotating schedule. It started in 1983 in Auburn, was hosted by Birmingham in 1984-88, in Mobile in 1989, in Huntsville in 1990, in Birmingham in 1991 and has enjoyed the hospitality of Mobile for the past eight years, 1992-1999.

Over the past two years, the Alabama Sports Festival has received numerous requests from athletes, parents and coaches from north Alabama that the State Games go back to its rotating schedule.

It is hard to leave a perfect host, which is what the City and County of Mobile has been over the past eight years.

But the ASF Board of Directors felt that it was only fair, since this is a program for all the athletes in Alabama, to grant the request. Therefore, beginning in 2000, the State Games will be held on alternating years in Birmingham and Mobile.

The 2000 Alabama Sports Festival is set for June 29-July 2 in Birmingham, with the Opening Ceremonies to be held Friday, June 30, in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. ASF will return to Mobile in June 2001. The Alabama Sports Festival would like to thank Mayor Mike Dow and the Mobile City Council, the Mobile County Commission, the Baldwin County Commission, the Mobile and Baldwin County legislative delegations...and to the thousands of volunteers who have given their time and efforts. Without their generous help, an event of this size and scope would not be possible.

Both Mayor Dow and County Commission President Samuel Jones have stated that, in the case Birmingham declines for any reason to take its turn, Mobile will be glad to pinch hit.

The Alabama Sports Festival appreciates and accepts the offer...and appreciates their understanding the necessity of returning to a rotating schedule.

Sincerely,
Ron Creel
CEO
Alabama Sports Festival

Dear Ferrin,

I read the "Letter to the Editor" (June 24) written by Doug Witcher.

I don't believe he knows what he's talking about. Has he listened to Faith Radio (WSTF FM or WLBF FM) where the Christian Coalition has been talking about gambling?

He says he hasn't seen "a single Biblical reference" in their adds. He's not listening! Mr. Witcher quotes the 10 Commandments, but so doe the Christian Coalition (Ex 20:3, 15 & 17). They also quote Luke 12:15, Isaiah 65:1, Eccl 5:10, Proverbs 28:19, 20, 22 and Proverbs 13:11, as well as other scripture references.

He should be careful who he calls a liar and a hypocrite! I can't help but wonder what sort of "Christian" Mr. Witcher thinks he is.

Sincerely,
Martha Guerrero

From The House...
by Congressman Terry Everett

Last week, officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, convened a public hearing in Montgomery to hear comments about their plans to place an Alabama fish on the federal list of endangered species. I oppose the listing of the fish - if the species even exists - since it would likely result in curtailment of commercial traffic along the Alabama River, which would have a devastating impact on the state's economy.

To date, the U.S.Government has spent over a million dollars to find and coddle the handful of "Alabama sturgeon" captured only to discover that these specimens look suspiciously like the Mississippi shovel nose sturgeon which frolics in abundance in waters elsewhere. Our financial resources ought not be spent on fishing crews trolling thousands of hours looking for a mythical fish.

If the so-called Alabama sturgeon is listed as endangered, the result could seriously hamper our ability to dredge and maintain the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and other important rivers in Alabama. I am convinced such a listing would have a devastating impact on our ability to continue to use these waterways for commerce.

Textile and agriculture industries in southeast Alabama will suffer like the rest of the state from reduced access to river transportation. I cannot imagine how this would not adversely affect the operations of International Paper, Gold Kist, Boeing, Raytheon, Georgia Pacific, and Buffalo Rock, to name a few. And our communities would also be at risk of federal restriction for their use of water from the rivers the sturgeon is believed to inhabit.

The absurdity of the case of the Alabama sturgeon reminds me of a similar situation in San Bernardino County, California. In order to protect the habitat of eight "flies", a new hospital had to be relocated and $4.5 million was spent to secure a 10-acre home for these "endangered" insects.

The Fish and Wildlife Service can make a final decision to list the questionable fish as early as September and we could witness adverse economic impact statewide before the end of the year. it is time for the Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider and withdraw its proposed listing.

I oppose this proposed listing of the so-called Alabama sturgeon as an endangered species. It is not endangered and I would like to see the burden of proof fall where it belongs: upon those who would disrupt this state, its people and its economy,

I urge the Department of the Interior to stand accountable for the economic damage that will be done to this state. It's time for common sense and no more fish stories from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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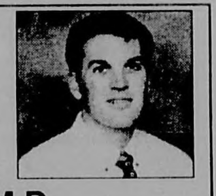

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AREA DEATHS

MURRAY MIXSON HARDWICK

Mr. Murray Mixson Hardwick, age 55, of the Old Tabernacle Community in New Brockton, died June 23, 1999 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Mr. Hardwick was a native and lifelong resident of Coffee County. He served as bookkeeper for the city of Elba for 22 years.

Funeral services were held June 25, 1999 at the Old Tabernacle United Methodist Church with the Revs. Fred Hollis and Bobby Weeks officiating. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mr. Hardwick was preceded in death by his parents, B.B. and Kate Hardwick, and a sister, Janette Tindol.

Survivors include his **wife**: Sandra Hardwick, New Brockton; two **daughters and sons-in-law**: Stephanie and Luis Sanchez, Newnan, Ga., Debra and Richard Overholt, Newnan, Ga.; one **son and daughter-in-law**: Neal Mixson and Jennie Hardwick, Newnan, Ga.; two **sisters**: Marilyn Graves, Dothan and Elaine Armstrong, Spring Hill Community.

ELZIA DANIELS PAGE

Mrs. Elzia Daniels Page, born Sept. 15, 1909, of Elba, died June 26, 1999 at her home.

Funeral services were held June 29, 1999 at Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elba with Rev. Freddie Flowers officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Page was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Jackson Page, and an infant son, Andrew Maxwell Page.

Survivors include two **daughters**: Lorene (Thomas) Grant, Stuart, Fla., Betty J. (Jadie) Reffegee, Elba; four **grandchildren**: Robert (Dianne) Page, Ramer, Ala., Thomas Jeffery Grant, Stuart, Fla., Casandra (Harold Lee) Jackson, Stuart, Fla., Fritzi Reffegee Berry, Franklin, Tenn.; one **step-grandson**: Randy J. (Evelyn) Watson, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

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Get your organizations best horseshoe pitcher, watermelon seed spitter, three legged racers, potato sack racers, frog jumpers and turtle racers, paper airplane pilots, croquette players, bingo players and more. And by all means, don't forget your organization's best hot dog and burger chef.

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LIFESTYLES

Tanner Christopher Hudson celebrates 1st birthday

Tanner Christopher Hudson

Tanner Christopher Hudson recently celebrated his first birthday on May 30, 1999. Tanner's "It's the Big One" birthday party was held on Saturday, May 29, at Nana and Papa's house (Betty and Harvel Fuller). Many friends and family were there to help him celebrate. Tanner is the son of Chris and Destiny Hudson and the grandson of Gary Brown, Debbie Brown, and Terry and Phyllis Hudson, all of Elba.

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Judson Vaughan wins trophy for being best soloist

The Patronis Elementary School "Panthers" fourth and fifth grade chorus in Panama City Beach, Fla. took all honors at the Music in the Parks competition in Atlanta recently. Patronis was the only elementary school competing against more than 25 middle and high school choruses and bands from six states.

The group received a superior rating, an unprecedented score of 99, and the Judges Choice top award. Judson Vaughan won the trophy for best soloist; Sarah Mintz won the trophy for best accompanist. The chorus also received the Esprit de Corps trophy for best behavior, attitude, enthusiasm and commitment.

Judson Vaughan is the grandson of Ella Jean Vaughan and the late Ted Vaughan and Foster and Patsy Bane, all of Elba.

Judson Vaughan

Lordy, Lordy,

This Bama Fan is 40!!

Makesha Michelle Young

Makesha Michelle Young to graduate from DCH Regional Medical Center

Makesha Michelle Young, daughter of Edward and Norma Young of Elba, will graduate from DCH Regional Medical Center, School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. on July 1, 1999 (Today). She will graduate with honors and receive a certificate of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. In 1998, she received a certificate of Radiology from Baptist Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology in Montgomery. Makesha has accepted a position as an Ultrasound Technologist at a medical center in Jacksonville, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Ruby Cile and the late PJ Young of Elba and Willie and Kate Seymore of Enterprise. Makesha is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School.

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Bargain Matinees Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. only - all seats - $4

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Miss Powell & Mr. Wise to be united in marriage August 7th

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis E. Powell of Samson, Ala. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, April Ann Powell, to Timothy Clay Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy H. Wise of Coffee Springs, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Aaron Moses Powell and Wenell Powell of Samson and the late Eddie Charles Goodwin and Alice Christine Goodwin of Winter Garden, Fla. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Raymond Spann and Bertha Spann. She is a 1999 graduate of Samson High School as the salutatorian and will be attending Enterprise State Junior College in the fall. She is currently employed in Enterprise.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Eulon A. Wise and late Winnie Jewell Wise of Coffee Springs, Ala. and M. Woodrow Watson and Mavis Louise Watson of Freeport, Fla. He is the great grandson of the late E.H. "Bud" Riley and Lucy "Missie" Riley of Ozark. He is a 1998 graduate of Samson High School. He is currently self-employed in Coffee Springs.

The wedding is planned for August 7, 1999 at 5 p.m. at the Coffee Springs First Baptist Church of Coffee Springs, Ala. All friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Wise & Miss Powell

Leisure swimming course being offered at ESJC

Tone up with non-impact exercise through Enterprise State Junior College's Leisure Swimming. Participants have the opportunity to maintain fitness through swimming in the College's indoor pool during select times set aside just for them. This spring semester the pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. The fee for individual participants is $40 and $55 for families. There is no registration deadline; participants may sign up at any time during the semester. The pool will be open through August 5. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Have a Happy & Safe July 4th

The Beautiful Lilac

In Memory Of

Murphy Cox

From the floor he stood a full six feet.
He's been tried many times,
but he's never been beat.
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is when you'll see fear in his eyes.
His body's frame is made of steel,
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the Whisper of the Whisper Will.
I could write much more,
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CHURCH

Homecoming planned at Alberton Baptist Church

Alberton Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, July 11th. Bro. Herbert McWaters will bring the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will be served at noon. Special singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to celebrate homecoming July 11th

The Chestnut Grove Methodist Church of Jack will have homecoming on Sunday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Former pastor Russell Teal will bring the morning message. There will be a covered dish lunch afterwards.

Revival begins Monday night, July 12, and will end on Wednesday night, July 14. Evening messages will be brought by Rev. Larry Gill, new pastor of the church, at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church to hold VBS July 12-14

Get aboard the Vacation Bible School Train for loads of fun at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Elba. VBS will be held July 12, 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. until Noon each day. The church is located on County Road 528 and everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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JUNE 23, 1999

The Coffee County Board of Education is seeking applicants for an assistant basketball coach at Kinston High School. This will be a part-time position. Duties will include providing assistance in coaching both girls and boys basketball. Candidate will be expected to assume all duties relative to the position during the months required for practice and regular season play. Candidate must possess a valid Alabama teaching certificate in any secondary endorsement. Experience in coaching will be considered in determining selection for employment. Salary will be commensurate with supplements approved on the Coffee County School System's salary schedule.

For an application or more information contact:

Rodger K. Bowden, Superintendent
Coffee County Board of Education
400 Reddock Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36323
(334)897-5016

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

In addition to completion of the application, a resume, college and university transcripts, a copy of a valid Alabama Teachers Certificate, and five references will be required.

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Scripture: Genesis 1-16

***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Page Family, Pearlie Tillis, Jemison Gray, Benard Reynolds, Vick E. Lindsey, Hannah Coleman, Janie Donaldson
***Birthdays - June: Patti Culver, June 14; Jasmine Henderson, June 15; Tytiana Carpenter, June 16; David Carpenter, June 17; Mason Gulley, June 18; Samantah Williams, June 21; Lucinda Carpenter, June 24; Juan Carpenter, June 24; LaTofia Culver, June 25; Jordan Flowers, June 26
***Annual revival of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Elba will be July 19-23 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Rev. Jerry Bennett of St. Rose Baptist Church in Skipperville, Ala. All churches are invited to join in worship.
***Studying
I would say to every person, read with your pencil. Never pass a word, or an allusion, or a name that you do not understand without marking it down for for inquiry. Then go to your dictionary for the definitions or explanation; go to the encyclopedia for information as to biographical or historical allusions. Never read about any country without having a map before you. This kind of study will fix things in your minds as no formal method of the schools ever will. —Beecher
***Joyce B. Johnson and Kathy of Tuscumbia, Ala. visited in the home of Grover and Eria Belcher, Elba, recently.
***Vacation Bible School of Rocky Head MB Church in Elba will be held July 19-23 at 6 p.m. nightly. The topic will be respect. All youth are welcome for this event filled with lots of learning, fun and activities.
***Youth Need to Know: African American History
Question: How long was Malcolm X in jail?
Answer: Seven years.
Notable Quote: You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas. —Shirley Chisholm, former Congresswoman.
Notable Quote: If you could pray for only one thing, let it be for an idea. —Percy Sutton, CEO and president of Inner City Broadcasting.
—African American-Black History Calendar

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria

NOTICE

If anyone has friends or loved ones buried in Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery, the church needs your donation to help with the upkeep of the cemetery.

There is a trust fund for the cemetery set up at SouthTrust Bank in Elba. Please make your donations at the bank or send to Lena Farris Kendrick, Apt. 4, Elba, AL 36323.

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Risk-Takers

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

Many accidental deaths result from taking risks. That's the conclusion of a organization in Canada that is seeking to decrease accidents between automobiles and trains. Roger Cyr, national director of Operation Lifesaver, puts most of the blame for fatalities on drivers who are risk-takers. "Studies have shown that when people hear a train whistle their minds tell them to accelerate their speed," says Cyr.

About 43 percent of the accidents occur at crossings equipped with flashing lights and bells or gates. Cyr also said that many drivers "even have the audacity to drive around or under the gates." They take the risk, thinking they can beat the train and somehow miss the collision — but with tragic consequences!

A far more serious kind of risk-taking happens all around us every day. Thousands of people ignore the biblical warning that "it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Life is like a hazardous crossing. To take a chance, by ignoring the light of God's Word and refusing His salvation, is to risk one's soul.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Don't risk your soul. Put your trust in Christ. Then you can cross safely into eternity. Christ's cross provides the only safe crossing into eternity.

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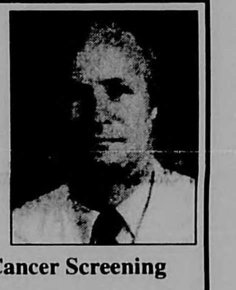

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship....6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Church Service....9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School....11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even.Worship....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed....7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School....9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:30 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School....9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....10:00 a.m.
Even. Services....6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Grayer, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Sherrer, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Morn. Worship....8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlie Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Jankoski, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Gerry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting....7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:15 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
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Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

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Jimmie Bryan, Minister
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
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NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
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Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Bible Study....5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST
Rev. Faron Golden, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet....6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Amlong, Pastor
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Wed. Prayer Meet....6:30 p.m.

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Walter Faulk, Pastor
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Wed. Even. Serv....6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship....11:30 a.m.

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Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School....9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Service....7:00 p.m.

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SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School....10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service....7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

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Ron Stallard, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study....7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson, Pastor
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Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor
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Even. Service....5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Danny Maddox, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Alfred Ikner, Pastor
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Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet....7:00 p.m.

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Mike Medley, Pastor
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Even. Service....5:00 p.m.
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.

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Nathan Johnson, Pastor
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Morn. Worship....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service....6:00 p.m.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

THIS PHOTO FROM LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL REMINDS US OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT...The Coffee County Third Annual Watermelon Festival is to be held Wednesday, July 7, starting at 8 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton. This will be an opportunity for you to show off your prize watermelons. There will be a prize for the largest and the sweetest watermelons. Of course, we will also have the watermelon seed spitting contest again. Callie Bryan, 1999 Alabama Watermelon Queen, will be present. There will also be plenty of watermelons for sampling and to purchase. This event is sponsored by the Coffee County Commission and Extension System.

News From Your County Extension

Angela G. Hughes
County Agent
Heart Healthy Picnics

Summer is the time for family picnics. The word "picnic" for many Coffee Countians conjures up images of fried chicken, potato salad, hot dogs, cakes and cobblers. But how can you and your family enjoy a picnic' while avoiding the foods that are high in calories, fat, sodium and sugar? All you have to do is be creative when you plan your meal.

Instead of packing fried chicken, take along a portable barbecue grill. Grill skinless chicken marinated in fat-free salad dressing. If your family loves hamburgers and hot dogs, make hamburger patties out of extra lean meat and choose low-fat hot dogs. If you're grilling steaks or pork chops, trim off visible fat. Grilling allows the fat to burn off during cooking.

Grill fresh corn or new potatoes while you cook your meat. Wrap these in foil and put on the grill first because they may take lunger to cook than chicken or burgers. Go easy on the salt and butter on the corn and potatoes. Try sprinkling them with fresh pepper or herbs and use a low or fat-free margarine,

To liven up hamburgers, pile on lettuce, tomatoes, onions or other fresh vegetables like green peppers. Go easy on catsup, barbecue sauce, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles and relishes. Some of these are high both in fat and sodium while others tend to have a high sodium or sugar content.

Try new salad recipes for the picnic. Avoid salads that include mayonnaise or salad dressing, Pack a mixed green salad made of several lettuces and lots of fresh vegetables.

Dress, the salad with a low- or fat-free dressing. The dressing could be as simple as drizzling the salad with a tangy vinegar and some fresh black pepper.

Avoid heavy desserts such as fruit cobblers or iced cakes. Instead make a fresh fruit salad or mixed berries served over fat-free angel food cake.

Unsweetened ice tea or fruit juices are a better beverage choice than soft drinks or sweetened fruit drinks. Limit alcohol consumption. Beer and other alcoholic beverages are high in calories.

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP
Pizza Doesn't Have To Be Junk Food

Pizza can be a successful combination of taste and health. With a whole wheat crust, tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese topping, pizza offers a combination of protein, carbohydrates, calcium and vitamin A. If vegetables are added as toppings, you boost the vitamin and mineral content as well.

Two slices of medium cheese pizza provide around 20 grams of protein, more than one third of the recommended daily amount for most adults. Cheese pizza is also a good source of calcium. Two slices contain as much calcium as an 8-ounce glass of milk. Top your cheese pizza with vegetables such as mushrooms, green peppers and onions, and you have a tasty entree that contains 175 to 200 calories per slice. But if you cover it in meats such as pepperoni and sausage, or add olives and extra cheese, the result is a high-fat entree with unnecessary calories, fat and sodium.

Look for pizza that provides less than 450 calories (of which no more than 30 percent comes form fat) and less than 500 milligrams of sodium per serving. Add a salad (many pizza parlors and delivery services offer salads or salad bars) for a well balanced meal.

Thin and crispy crusts generally are lower in calories, but may not be lower in the percentage of calories from fat than thicker versions. Whole-wheat crusts provide additional fiber. Avoid varieties made with croissant-type doughs. These are highest in fat.

When selecting pizza from the grocery, read the nutrition label. Look for pizzas that have less. than 30 percent of their calories from fat. Also, check the sodium content. Most varieties contain at least 400 milligrams per 2-piece serving and many contain over 1,000 milligrams.

You should be aware that some pizzas, particularly frozen, are topped with cheese substitutes or cheese food. While these often are lower in fat than real cheese, they also may be lower in calcium. Look on the label for the notice "contains 100 percent real cheese" or check the ingredient list. If something other than real cheese is used, the term imitation cheese or cheese substitute will appear.

Sandra T. Coffey
County Extension Coordinator
Food May Trigger Migraine Headaches

About 20 percent of the 23 million migraine sufferers in the United States experience painful, debilitating migraine headaches that are initiated by eating a particular food or combination of foods.

Migraine headaches can affect anyone, but women are three times more likely to suffer from them than men are.

If your migraine attacks seem to be initiated by food, you need to identify and avoid foods that "trigger" them.

Migraines are characterized by severe head pain, plus one or more of a range of symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and increased sensitivity to light, sound and smells. A migraine attack can last from 4 to 72 hours, often causing the sufferers to "put their lives on hold. "

Though the actual cause of migraines remains uncertain, a wide range of factors can trigger an attack such as certain foods, hunger or missed meals, changes in weather, physical activities, emotions and stress, medications and hormonal changes.

The most commonly suspected trigger food categories are alcohol, caffeine beverages, aged cheeses, fresh yeast breads, some types of beans, overripe fruits, snacks made from nuts, salted and cured meats, canned or dry-mix soups and chocolate-based desserts.

One suspected trigger, monosodium glutamate (MSG), is a food additive and flavor enhancer often found in restaurant foods and in many processed foods, including canned and dry soups, barbecue sauce and potato chips. Sodium nitrate, another trigger, is found in hot dogs and luncheon meats.

Seasonings and flavorings, such as soy sauce, marinades and meat tenderizers, are also possible migraine triggers.

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Sen. Shelby announces computers for Coffee County school

Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, joined the U.S. Department of Education in announcing the selection of Elba Elementary as a recipient of five computers through the Computers for Learning Program.

The Computers for Learning Program will place hundreds of thousands of computers in classrooms around the nation, helping to educate and prepare students to compete in a job market which is increasingly technology driven. The program is designed to donate surplus Federal computer equipment to schools and educational non-profits, giving special consideration to those with the greatest need.

Small business counseling to be offered in Enterprise July 15

A representative from the Small Business Development Center at Troy State University's main campus will provide business counseling at the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Thursday, July 15.

The representative will visit the chamber from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Call 347-0581 to set up an appointment.

Free counseling services are provided monthly at a resource center maintained by the Small Business Administration at the chamber of commerce. In addition, a collection of various government publications is available for examination at the resource center. Publications are not available for distribution, but forms for ordering the publications are provided.

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Consumer Product Safety Commission announces volunteer candle holder recall

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Atico International USA Inc., of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is voluntarily recalling about 18,000 angel candle holders. The angel's head on these candle holders can come into contact with the flame of a candle placed in the holder, posing a fire hazard.

Atico has received one report of these candle holders melting, resulting in minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

This angel candle holder is about 6 inches high and made of brass-plated mesh. Its head is a plastic, multifaceted "crystal." It has a tealight candle holder on itsback. The packaging of the candle holder includes the writing, "Mesh Candle Holder" and "World Showcase." There is no writing on the candle holder.

Eckerd Drug Stores nationwide sold the candle holders between August 1998 and January 1999 for about $4.

Consumers should stop using these candle holders immediately and return them to any Eckerd store for a refund. For more information, consumers can call Atico at (800) 645-3867 anytime.

ESJC NEWS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Adults involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children will be interested in the Child Development Workshop to be held at Enterprise State Junior College on Saturday, July 31, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The preregistration fee is $15 if received by July 23, and $20 if received after that date. For more information and for course objectives call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

COMPUTERS FOR SENIORS is a special interest class to be held at Enterprise State Junior College this summer semester. It is designed for older adults who want to be computer literate. Participants will learn to efficiently use a computer keyboard, how to use a word processing program, how to create a data base, and how to understand the use of spreadsheets. They should bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. There is a $30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is July 12. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 19-28, 2-4 p.m.

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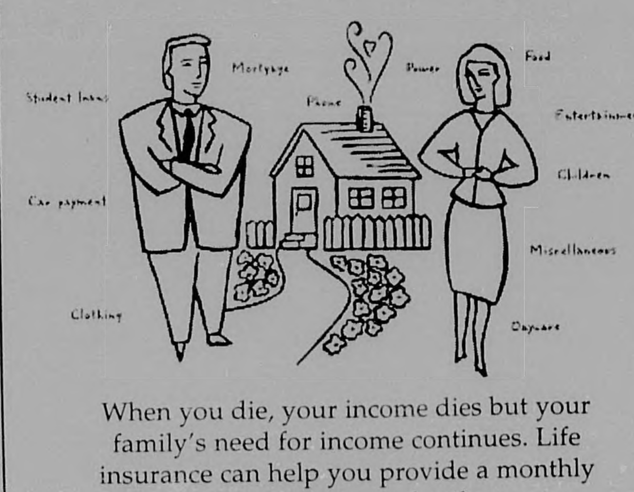

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SPORTS

Views from .... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie has complained about being bored ever since school got out for the summer, and despite practicing ball, playing ball or swimming just about every day of the week, she just never seemed to have enough to keep her busy. All that changed in recent days; however, since she competed in the All-Star tournament in Eufaula on Friday and Saturday, went with the Girl Scouts to Vision Land in Birmingham on Sunday, and then made the trip to 4-H Camp in North Alabama on Monday and stayed at the camp until late Wednesday. She was pooped after the busy week of action, but once she catches up on her sleep she will probably complain about being bored, again!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

*** The Elba Girls Softball League sent four teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournaments last weekend, with the "16 and Under" All-Stars earning a berth in the State Tournament with a second place finish in their tourney.

The "16 and Under" Stars posted wins over Enterprise and Luverne to punch their ticket to state, and played well on defense in all four games as they allowed a total of 13 runs in four games. The bats didn't boom in the rain; however, and the girls had to settle for second for the second straight year.

The "14 and Under" Stars hosted their tournament and splashed through the rain and mud for two games before being ousted. The Stars played well in both games and almost pulled off a big win over Enterprise, only to fall victim to a late rally. This bunch really improved over the last week and looked good.

The "12 and Under" Stars also were eliminated in two games over in Dothan, but like the other Elba teams played well in both outings. The girls battled Dothan tough and then saw a late rally fall short against Samson. These girls really improved as the tourney neared and made all their fans proud.

The "10 and Under" Stars competed in Eufaula, and while they lost two games, they took a definite step forward in being competitive on the district level. Last year the youngest group of All-Stars played only six innings in two games and were outscored 53-1, while this year the All-Stars played 11 innings and were outscored 25-10. The learning process has to start at the beginning, and this year it was obvious that the youngsters had begun to learn their lessons well.

*** The Elba Dixie Boys All-Star teams got wet over in Luverne over the weekend and will no doubt see their schedule in the tournaments change almost daily as the rains come and go. The teams have worked hard and should represent the league well, once they get the chance to play on a dry field.

*** The City of Elba and the State Conservation Department are making plans to expand and improve the boat ramp at the Pea River in Elba. While early plans are still apt to change, it appears that the existing ramp will be widened and moved over to result in the removal of the basketball court at the river. Another site near town has already been found to relocate the court, and maybe before long the fishermen will have a new, first class ramp to use.

*** I guess I have to mention the NBA finals, and since San Antonio won the title, I will admit I am glad the Spurs won, and am also glad the season is over. I didn't watch any of the finals, but believe the best team won, and that is the way it is supposed to be.

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Place 2nd at District tourney

16 and Under All-Stars earn berth at A.R.P.A. state softball tournament

The Elba Girls Softball League's "16 and Under" All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament last weekend in Enterprise and placed second to earn a spot in the State A.R.P.A. Tournament, scheduled for July 16-18, in Gadsden.

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against the Enterprise All-Stars and posted an easy 11-1 win. Elba led only 1-0 after two innings, but plated five runs in the third to move on top 6-0, with the key hits being a two-run homer by Roshanda McKinnon and a two-run double by Raeann McCollough. The Elba All-Stars added five runs in the fifth to increase their lead to 11-0, and held on in the bottom of the frame to post the 11-1, five inning win. Britainy Mobley and Kristen Bowdoin both got 3 hits to lead Elba in the win, while Melissa Mularz, Roshanda McKinnon and Tara Grant all added 2 hits.

The Elba All-Stars battled Andalusia in the finals of the winners' bracket and came out on the short end of a 5-2 decision, to fall into the losers bracket. Michelle Lewis and Britainy Mobley both had rbi singles in the third inning as Elba pulled even at 2-2; however, the All-Stars left six runners on base over the final four innings and watched as Andalusia pulled away to claim the win. Kristen Bowdoin and Roshanda McKinnon both got 2 hits for Elba in the loss.

The Elba All-Stars secured a berth in the state tournament by eliminating Luverne 8-3, in the losers' bracket finals. Elba scored two runs in the bottom of the second to catch Luverne at 2-2, then scored in each of the next four innings to take command and roll to the important win. Kristen Bowden and Melissa Mularz both got 2 hits for Elba, while eight different All-Stars scored runs.

The Elba All-Stars spotted Andalusia a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning and saw a late rally fall one-run short as they were defeated 4-3, in the championship game. Andalusia combined four hits with two Elba errors to plate four runs in the top of the first, while Elba plated single runs in the first, fourth and seventh innings to pull within 4-3. The All-Stars had runners on first and second with one out in the seventh, but stranded both runners as Andalusia held on for the win. Melissa Mularz, Michelle Lewis, Rachel Bludsworth and Raeann McCollough all got 2 hits for Elba, which left nine runners on base.

Team members include Meljssa Mularz, Casey Skinner, Britainy Mobley, Raeann McCollough, Rachel Bludsworth, Michelle Lewis, Katie Vaughan, Roshanda McKinnon, Lakiya Flowers, Aubretta Williams, Denise Cooper, Tara Grant, Leslie Stinson and Kristen Bowdoin.

Elba Dixie Minor League to have two All-Star teams batting for Sub-District tourney crown next week in Enterprise

The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League will be a double threat to area opponents next week when it sends two All-Star teams to Enterprise to compete in the Dixie Minor Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament.

The Elba Nationals and Elba Americans will both compete in the seven-team, double-elimination event, set to begin on Monday, July 5, and continue through Saturday, July 10. All games will be played on Field #5 at the Enterprise Recreation Center, located near downtown Enterprise.

The Elba Nationals will be coached by Keith Boutwell, Tony Calhoun and Doug Martin, with team members to include Cory Miller, Nathan Calhoun, Blake Berry, Gage Nalley, Cody Arnold, Justin Beck, Trey Martin, Chafin Johnson, Chase Boutwell, Stephen Driggers, Nicholas Nelson, Matthew Gibson and Corey Parker.

The Elba Americans will be coached by Merrill Shirley, Mickey McCollough and Lance McCollough, with team members to include Kyle Purvis, Will Sims, Heath Hollis, Ryan Roehler, Luke Simmons, Craig Cheesbrough, Josh Roberts, LeeHill Shirley, Deymond Williams, Brad Sullivant, Adam Henderson, Jacob Forbes and Ryan McCollough.

Following is the tournament schedule for the opening three days of play:

Monday, July 5
4:00 - (Game 2) Elba Americans vs. Samson
6:00 - (Game 3) Enterprise Americans vs. Geneva
8:00 - (Game 1) Enterprise Nationals vs. Troy Americans
Tuesday, July 6
4:00 - (Game 4) Elba Nationals vs. Game #3 winner
6:00 - (Game 5) Game #1 loser vs. Game #2 loser
8:00 - (Game 6) Game #1 winner vs. Game #2 winner
Wednesday, July 7
4:00 - (Game 7) Game #4 loser vs. Game #6 loser
6:00 - (Game 8) Game #3 loser vs. Game #6 winner
8:00 - (Game 9) Game #5 winner vs. Game #4 winner

Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars to begin tourney action on Friday, July 9

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will swing into action next week in Hartford when the Dixie Youth Sub-District 3 Baseball Tournament will be held on Field #3 at the Hartford Recreation Park.

The six-team, double-elimination tournament, will begin on Friday, July 9, and continue through Thursday, July 15, with games scheduled for every day except Sunday.

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will be coached by Keith Parker, A.R. Williams and Alan Smith, and team members include Heath Parker, Clark Skinner, Mason Gulley, LaRay Williams, Mark Windham, Ryan Gibbs, Drew Donaldson, Josh Smith, Chase Boutwell, T.J. Winters, Timothy Jackson, Tanner Medley and Austin Smith.

Following is a schedule of the tournament action for the opening three days:

Friday, July 9
4:00 - (Game 1) Samson vs. Enterprise Nationals
6:00 - (Game 3) Enterprise Americans vs. Elba
8:00 - (Game 2) Hartford vs. Geneva
Saturday, July 10
6:00 - (Game 4) Game #1 loser vs. Game #2 loser
8:00 - (Game 5) Game #1 winner vs. Game #2 winner
Monday, July 12
6:00 - (Game 6) Game #4 winner vs. Game #3 loser
8:00 - (Game 7) Game #5 winner vs. Game #3 winner

Andalusia to host Championship Domino Tourney on July 9-10

The 24th annual World Championship Domino Tournament is set for Andalusia July 9-10 with hundreds of players expected to compete for the title of world champion.

Hosted by the Andalusia Rotary Club, the two-day tournament will draw players from Alabama and across the south and midwest. Players will compete for trophies and cash totaling over $20,000.

The tournament site will be at the Kiwanis Fair Complex in Andalusia.

The singles tournament starts at 8 a.m. on Friday followed by a singles round robin at 1 p.m. The Fantastic Domino Car Sweepstakes starts at 7 p.m. On Saturday, a draw for partners doubles tournament starts at 8 a.m. followed by a doubles round robin at 1 p.m. Finals in adult singles and doubles begins at 7 p.m. Awards will be presented around 9 p.m. Saturday.

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Elba 14 and Under Stars drop two straight on muddy fields in Elba

The Elba Girls Softball League's "14 and Under" All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's District 8 Softball Tournament, last weekend in Elba, and battled through rain and mud before being eliminated in two games.

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against the Dothan Americans and dropped a 10-2 decision. Dothan jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the top of the third, and while Elba plated two runs in the bottom of the third on rbi singles by Brittany Daniels and Stacy Chism, it was too little, too late, as Dothan held on for the win. Stacy Chism and Amanda Richardson both got 2 hits for Elba in the loss.

The Elba All-Stars battled Enterprise on even terms throughout the game, only to see Enterprise rally late to pull out a 10-7 win, in losers bracket action. Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first, with key hits being doubles by Stacy Chism and Devri Kilcrease, and moved on top 4-1 in the top of the second on an rbi single by Chism that knocked in Brittany Daniels. Enterprise slipped ahead 5-4 in the bottom of the fourth, but Elba rallied in the fifth and regained the lead at 6-5, with Stacy Chism knocking in both runs with a two-run triple. Enterprise pulled even at 6-6 in the bottom of the fifth, then plated four runs in the sixth to take command, and held on to post the win. Stacy Chism got 4 hits and knocked in five runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Amanda Richardson also added 4 hits, and Melissa Kelley and Brittany Daniels both got 2 hits.

Team members included Amanda Richardson, Stacy Chism, Deann Smith, Devri Kilcrease, Melissa Kelley, April Burks, Jessica Danford, Danae Ware, Melissa Sanders, Stephanie Williams, Brittany Daniels, Alison Smith, Michelle Carpenter, and Greta Robinson.

Elba 12 and Under Stars lose two straight at District tourney in Dothan

The Elba Girls Softball League's "12 and Under" All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament last weekend in Dothan and played well, only to be eliminated in two games.

The Elba All-Stars began play Friday night against Dothan Southern and were defeated 17-4, in five innings. Elba kept the game close through three innings, but saw Dothan pull away late to take the win. Haleigh Duncan and Ashley Gibson both got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

The Elba All-Stars saw Samson pull away late as they were eliminated 14-8. Elba stayed close until late in the game, and then saw a last-inning rally fall short. Mallory Allen got 2 hits in the loss.

"We played well in the tournament and I was proud of the improvement the girls showed during the past two weeks," said Coach Mike Carnley. "They did everything we asked and showed everyone they could play ball."

Team members included Ashley Gibson, Whitney Lawford, Hannah Martin, Kendall Stinson, Summer Strickland, Stephanie Baxley, Emily Paul, Haleigh Duncan, Ayonna Proctor, Ashley Carnley, Elena McCormick, Kristen Barnes, Mallory Allen and Kerri Hobbs.

Elba 10 and Under Stars drop two straight in ARPA action in Eufaula

The Elba Girls Softball League's "10 and Under" All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 8 Softball Tournament last weekend in Eufaula and dropped two straight games in the 11-team event.

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament on Friday night against Eufaula and dropped a 13-8 decision. Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, with the key hit being a two-run triple by Hannah Manning, only to see Eufaula rally and grab an 11-3 lead in the third. A home-run by Sherika Daniels sparked a two-run rally in the fourth inning as the Elba All-Stars stayed alive, and Elba added three runs in the sixth, only to leave runners on second and third, as the rally fell short and the All-Stars took the 13-8 loss. Sherika Daniels got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Krystan Parker, Haley Stinson, Leslie Flowers and Jennifer Barlow all added 2 hits.

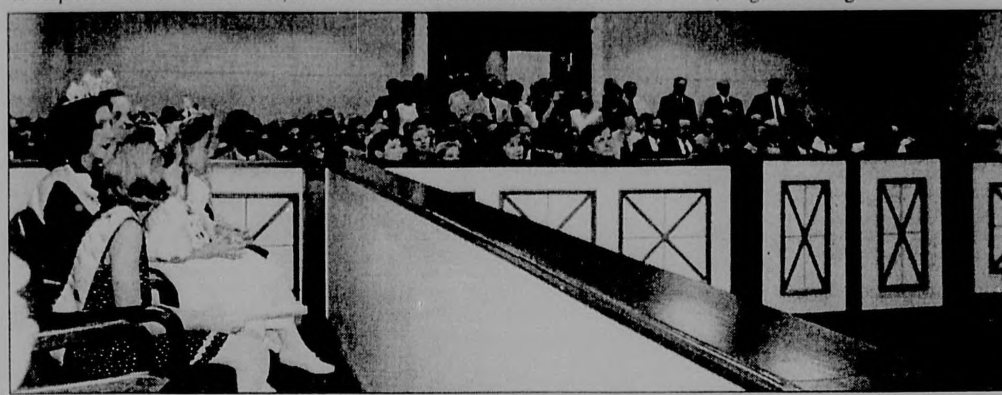
The Elba All-Stars came back on Saturday to battle the Dothan Americans and were eliminated 12-2, in a five inning game. Elba managed only two hits over the first four innings as Dothan pulled out to a 7-0 lead, but came to life in the fifth as Leslie Flowers and Jennifer Barlow both ripped solo home-runs to get the All-Stars on the scoreboard! The rally was short-lived; however, as Dothan scored five runs in the bottom of the inning to take the win. Melanie Mularz got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Leslie Flowers and Jennifer Barlow both hit home-runs.

Team members included Sherika Daniels, Melanie Mularz, Haley Stinson, Hannah Manning, Krystan Parker, Leslie Flowers, Jennifer Barlow, Amanda Pope, Katie Richardson, Valerie Hutcherson, Anna Petty, Heather Reeves, Whitley Kilcrease and Jennifer Hilyer.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS ALL-STARS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The new Coffee County Courthouse (Enterprise Division) in Enterprise has been completed and turned over to the County Commission by the Coffee County Building Authority. The facility is located on the site of the old Enterprise Division courthouse, which was torn down to make room for the new, larger building.



Part of the crowd which wedged into one of the courtrooms of the new Enterprise courthouse Sunday afternoon for the official dedication and open house of the facility. In spite of the heavy rains, the courthouse and the hallways were filled with Coffee County citizens and out of town dignitaries.

Ribbon cutting activies at the new Enterprise courthouse were conducted inside one of the four courtrooms due to the heavy rains of the afternoon. Above beauty queens and Coffee County commissioners gather as Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis prepares to cut the official ribbon, signifying the new facility is open for business.

Summer Squash is popular and easy to grow

Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

Summer squash is one of the more popular, easiest to grow and most prolific vegetables grown in America. They grow well in your garden, flower beds, containers or almost anywhere you want them. You plant three seeds in a bill every three feet and in about 45 days you usually are harvesting squash. There are four groups of summer squash. These are the yellow straightneck, the yellow crookneck, scallop and zucchini - yellow is the most popular. There are many varieties. Dixie is probably the most favored commercial one.

Summer squash like well-drained soils. Since they grow so fast you can fertilize them often. Begin at planting and then side dress when plants are 8 inches tall and again when they bloom. To extend your season fertilize your plants after you have picked fruit for a week. Another real plus is to keep them sprayed with fungicides and insecticides. Thiodan and Seven work well for the pickleworms, squash vine bores and squash bugs, Try to avoid spraying when the plants are in bloom, as you will need bees to pollinate your squash.

Fungicides also greatly help to control diseases as the weather gets hotter. Squash also have a high Calcium requirement. Your soil should have a pH of 6 to 6.5. If blossom end rot occurs on your fruit you can spray with Calcium Nitrate or a blossom end rot material sold for use on tomatoes,

Contrary to popular belief, summer squash will grow throughout the heat of summer. It is not the heat that gets them, but the insects and diseases. As summer progresses so do the insects and diseases. Insects spread most viruses so controlling the insects will allow your squash to keep producing through out the summer. Most commercial growers raise their squash on white plastic during the middle of summer. The white plastic reduces the heat, but it also repels the insects which not only eat on the plants, but spread diseases. Even with- a spray program, growing squash in the heat of summer is more of a challenge. Irrigating your squash will greatly enhance the quality and quantity of the fruit.

Do not under estimate your squash. One acre of squash will easily produce between 10 and 11 tons of fruit. That one acre would also take 150 hours to pick. How many squash plants do you need? One older farmer told me he picked 5, five gallon buckets of squash every other day. One or two buckets were to sell and the other three ended up going to the hogs. He said he had eaten so many squash that his knees were squeaking when he walked. It is easy to over plant squash. Reports say, one healthy squash plant will feed one person. So, if you have five in your family you would only need five plants. Squash usually bear for two to three weeks, so plant every 14 to 21 days from March 10 until August 15 and you should have squash for the entire season.

Vegetable safety and how to prepare raw fruits

Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

Whether they are eaten as snacks, side dishes or main entrees, fruits and vegetables are essential parts of a healthy, balanced diet. In addition, fruits and vegetable are often used as garnishes to decorate the plate, stimulate the appetite and tempt the finicky eater.

However, when fruits and vegetables are served raw, they don't receive the safety benefits that cooking provides, Freshness and proper handling are essential. Since shorter storage time helps lessen the chances for spoilage, purchase fresh produce in realistic quantities. Before purchasing or using these foods, check for visual signs of spoilage, such as unusual odors or colors, or shriveled, moldy or bruised items. If they arc stored in containers or plastic bags, make sure there is no excessive liquid.

During storage and food preparation, it's important to avoid cross-contamination between meat and produce. When storing foods in the refrigerator, keep meats below the produce to avoid drippings that could contaminate the foods below.

When handling produce, be sure that hand, gloves, cutting boards, countertops and utensils that have been in contact with raw meat or raw meat juices are thoroughly cleaned. If a food processor, blender or juicer is used to prepare the fruits or vegetables, make sure the machine and its attachments arc clean and sanitary.

Because contamination can occur during cleaning, fruits and vegetables should be thoroughly washed with running water. If standing water is Used, the microorganism that have been rinsed off one item can be transferred to another. As a general rule, rinse just before preparing and serving.

Once fruits and vegetables are cut, they should not sit out at room temperature for an extended time. Serve them immediately 'or store them in an area that is 40 F or below.

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Jack resident inducted into honor society

Steven Grady Williams of Jack has been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at Troy State University. A national honor society, Phi Kappa Phi promotes superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Williams, a graduate of Zion Chapel High School, was named to the National Dean's List and Who's Who Among U.S. College Students. He is a member of the TSU Accounting Society.

Wise named to Dean's List at Montevallo

More than 280 University of Montevallo students were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. James Wise of Elba was among the students being recognized for this academic achievement.

Don't Forget to Recycle!

Check Out The Labels When Buying Breakfast Foods

Susan Taylor
Extension Agent/NEP

Breakfast is an important meal for both children and adults. It can supply between one fourth to one-half of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin and minerals. It provides the energy we need to start our day right and sustain us throughout the day. Breakfasts should include several food groups including a dairy product. a protein, a bread or cereal and a fruit.

But people should be smart shoppers when it comes to breakfast foods. Read the labels to check out the sugar, sodium and fat levels of the products.

Breakfast meats may be marked lean or lite. They may have fewer calories, but check out how many of those calories come from fat. Currently, it's recommended that you eat less than 30 percent of your calories as fat calories.

Check out the labels on cereal as well. Try natural, whole-grain cereals and you'll avoid excess calories from sugar. Four grams of sugar equals one teaspoon so a cereal that has 12 grams of sugar in a single serving contains the equivalent of 3 teaspoons of sugar. You may be getting even more sugar because many of us really eat more than one serving of cereal.

Exceptions to this rule arc cereals with dried fruits and raisins. They may have up to 10 grams of sucrose and other sugars and still be acceptable. That's because dried fruit may add about 4 grams of natural sugars as well as important vitamins, minerals and fiber. Healthy people need only about 500 milligrams of salt per day. While there is no Recommended Daily Allowance for sodium, it's recommended adults consume 2,400 milligrams or less a day.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323 is accepting bids to sell **TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, ALL REAL** property (house, storage building, separate garage, etc.) on that property located at 906 Neal Grantham Drive, Elba, Alabama. All bids must arrive in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "906 Neal Grantham Drive" at the above address not later than 4:00 P.M., July 8, 1999, and will be opened at that time. Bidders are invited to contact the City Clerk who will demonstrate the exact location involved. The City of Elba reserves the right to refuse and/or reject all bids. Bidder receiving award will be required to clear the lot, parcel, etc. of all buildings and remnants from the buildings, not later than sixty (60) calender days following notification of award. Accepted bid price will be paid in full within five (5) days following award, if any, or bid will be null and void. Consideration will then be given to next highest bid.

/s/ Don Morrow
DON MORROW
City Clerk
6/17,24,7/1,8chg.

ESTATE OF LARRY KEITH GRANTHAM SR. DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC-99-37

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the **14th** day of **June, 1999,** by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ L. Merrill Shirley
Personal Representative
6/17,24,7/1chg.

PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:
ROY J. GREEN
JOSEPHINE GREEN
MILDRED MCDOWELL

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PARTIAL SETTLEMENT

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:
Please take notice that the Petition for Partial Settlement of the Conservatorships of the above cases has been filed in this Court by Carolyn Butcher, County Conservator, praying for approval of said reports.
The Court has set this cause for hearing on Friday, July 30th, 1999, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. in the Probate Office of the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama. You may be present and contest said petition if you think proper to do so.

Done this 14th day of June, 1999.

/s/William O. Gammill
Judge of Probate
6/17,24,7/1chg.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PROJECT NO: CCP 16-04-99
COUNTY BID NO: 99-37
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 A.M., July 12, 1999, and at that time publicly open for constructing the following:
Grade, Drain, Base and Pave County Road 623 beginning at the intersection of County Road 622 thence easterly approximately 0.730 miles to the intersection of Alabama Hwy. 27.
The entire project shall be completed in sixty (60) calendar days. Engineering is required. The bracket estimate for this project is $100,000 to 175,000.
A certified check or bid bond payable to the Coffee County Commission for an amount of 5% of bid (maximum - $10,000) must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.
Plans, Specifications and Proposals may be obtained at the Coffee County Engineer's Office, Highway 84, New Brockton, Alabama from 6:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday (telephone 334/894-6112). A proposal fee of $5.00 is required. Fee will be returned to unsuccessful bidders who return plans in a reusable condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.
The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him by the Coffee County Commission. Bids will be received only from contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors.
The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
/s/ Kayo Lewis, Chairman
Coffee County Commission
6/24,7/1,8chg.

CYNTHIA PEEK DEAN, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
FREDRICK LEROY DEAN, DEFENDANT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO. DR-99-36

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Fredrick Leroy Dean:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same by the **16th** day of **August, 1999,** or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.
This the 21st day of June, 1999.

/s/ Jim Ellis
Jim Ellis, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
6/24,7/1,8,15chg.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Take notice that certain personal property of Ladon Morgan, located at 864 Washington, Elba, Alabama shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of if not claimed within the time prescribed pursuant to Section 35-12-32 Code of Alabama, 1975.
6/24,7/1,8pd.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jerry Miller and Sue Miller, husband and wife, to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, or its successor, dated January 20, 1984, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in Mortgage Book 75-A, Page 111; and
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jerry Miller and wife, Sue Miller, to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, or its successor, dated July 12, 1993, and recorded July 13, 1993, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in Mortgage Book 114-A, Page 271; and
The entire indebtedness secured by the said Real Estate Mortgages having been declared due and payable as therein provided, the undersigned, the United States of America, acting through its authorized representative, under and in compliance with the power of sale in said Real Estate Mortgages, will proceed to sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder in front of the Elba courthouse of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on the **14th day of July, 1999,** the following described property conveyed by said Real Estate Mortgages, to wit:
The W1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 30, and the SW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 30, all in Township 3 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama.
This property is sold subject to the perpetual oil, mineral rights and railroad rights of way over the above described lands as reserved in that certain deed from Jackson Lumber Company to Dr. J.L. Akins recorded in DB W-2, Pages 173-4, Probate Office, Elba, Alabama and dated December 12, 1917.
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness to the United States of America, other charges and the expenses of sale, as provided in said Real Estate Mortgages to the United States of America.
This **16** day of **June, 1999.**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: DANIEL ROBINSON
State Executive Director
Farm Service Agency, successor in interest to the Farmers Home Administration, State of Alabama, United States Department of Agriculture
6/24,7/1,8chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of Horace D. Windham Deceased

Case No: PC-99-39

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Beulah Mae Windham, as Executrix of the Estate of Horace D. Windham, deceased, on the **21st** day of **June,** 1999, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Beulah Mae Windham
Beulah Mae Windham
Executrix of the Estate of Horace D. Windham, deceased
6/24,7/1,8chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Elba Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, 6:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office located at 251 Morrow Village. Changes to the Housing Authority's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and Section 8 Administrative Plan will be discussed. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Elba Housing Authority
(334) 897-2737
6/24,7/1,8

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Brockton Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 26, 1999, 6:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office located at 329 E. King Street. Changes to the Housing Authority's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy will be discussed. All interested parties are invited to attend.

New Brockton Housing Authority
(334) 894-5505
6/24,7/1,8chg.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. CDBG Project No. CY-OL-PF-98-003

Coffee County Commission
(Owner)

Separate sealed bids for New Hope Senior Center Improvements will be received by Coffee County Commission at the Conference Room, 2 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama until 2:00 o'clock P.M., C.D.S.T., Tuesday, July 13, 1999 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Only those envelopes clearly indicating License Number and Rating will be opened. All bidders must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975.
The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following: Polyengineering, Inc., 1935 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36302.
Copies may be obtained at the office of Polyengineering, Inc. located at 1935 Headland Avenue, P.O. Box 837, Dothan, Alabama upon deposit of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per set, which will be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten (10) days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and vendors or dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities and informalities or to reject any or all bids.
Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in amount , form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.
A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% will be required of the successful bidder.
Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.
No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

June 24, 1999
(Date)

/s/ Wilson Mobley, Jr., Coffee County Administrator
(Owner)
7/1,8chg.

1997 PIONEER MOBILE HOME FOR SALE.
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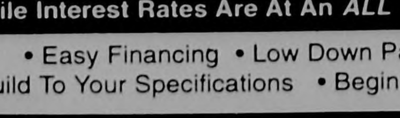
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba community and American Red Cross to sponsor blood drive on Tuesday

While the lazy days of summer find many regular or potential blood donors enjoying outdoor activities and vacations, the lives of hospital patients still depend on blood every day. The Elba community and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, July 6, at the Elba 1st United Methodist Church from 3-6 p.m. in their fellowship hall. All of us here in Elba and surrounding communities are asked to give an hour of our time to the Red Cross on Tuesday to donate a pint of blood. None of us know when and where we may need life saving blood. Seventy-five percent of us will need a blood transfusion during our lifetime, but only 5 percent of the population donate. The Red Cross works around the clock, seven days a week to ensure our local hospitals that their blood needs are met.

The week of July 5th will be a busy one for us all but we can't ignore our communities needs. Please donate blood on Tuesday, July 6th.

Consumer Product Safety Commission announces recall of Star Wars toys

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Hasbro Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., is voluntarily recalling about 618,000 Star Wars Lightsaber toys for repair. The spring in the battery compartments of these toys can dislodge, causing the batteries to overheat or rupture. This can cause burns to consumers.

Hasbro has received 38 reports of Lightsaber batteries overheating, including six reports of batteries rupturing. There are three reports of minor burns toconsumers, and one consumer reported experiencing eye irritation.

There are two models of Lightsaber toys involved in this recall. The Darth MaulTM Double-Bladed Lightsaber has retractable red plastic "light blades" on both sides of a metallic-gray hand grip. When the blades are fully extended, the toy is 5 feet long. The Qui-Gon JinnTM Lightsaber has a single retractable "light blade" made of green plastic that extends from a metallic-gray hand grip to about 3 feet. Both Lightsaber toys operate with two "C" batteries. The plastic blades on double-bladed Lightsaber light up when struck against another object, and the single-bladed Lightsaber stays continually lit when turned on. Both feature energy "humming," "charge-up" and motion-activated battle crash sounds.

Mass merchandise and toys stores nationwide sold these Lightsabers from May 1999 through June 1999 for $20 to $30.

Consumers should stop using these Lightsabers immediately, and call Hasbro to get a free repair kit. The repair kit contains instructions on how to install a battery protector. To get this repair kit or for more information, consumers should call Hasbro at (888) 690- 6141 anytime, or go to their website at www.hasbro.com. Consumers also can write to: Hasbro Lightsaber Repair Program, P.O. Box 200, Pawtucket, RI 02862.

Lightsabers currently being sold with the sticker, "Now with battery protector" are not part of this recall.

The Fourth of July

Paul Dykes with SouthTrust Bank, N.A. has been selected as 1999 "Outstanding Coordinator of the Year" by the Church Outreach Department of SouthTrust. Paul is the branch manager of the Enterprise offices of SouthTrust Bank in Coffee County. The mission of SouthTrust Outreach Department is to provide loans and services to churches and to reach out and help improve the communities in which SouthTrust conducts business. The mission is viewed as a "financial ministry" to the communities across the Southeast.

Registration for 2nd mini-term of summer open at ESJC

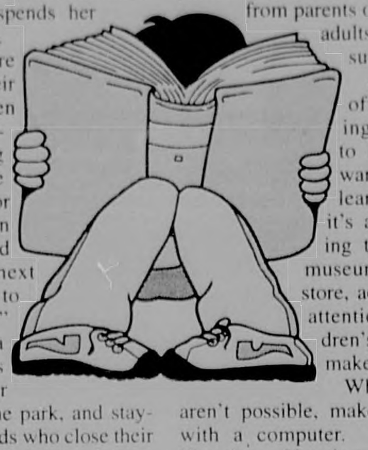
Registration for the second mini-term in this summer semester is open at Enterprise State Junior College. Students may pick up the second part of sequence courses such as English Literature II, Principles of Accounting II, Principles of Economics II, Western Civilization II, United States History II, College Chemistry II and Physical Science II. Other courses are also offered, such as Introduction to Anthropology, Criminal Investigation, Ethics and Society, Human Growth and Development, and College Reading. For more information about registering for second mini-term classes or being admitted to ESJC, call the main campus at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 or at the Ft. Rucker campus, 334-598-3438.

This summer, read to succeed

by: Richard W. Riley

Even during the summer months, Vernon Winfrey saw to it that his teenage daughter - already an avid reader - read a book and wrote a book report each week. Many books and reports later, Oprah Winfrey began her broadcasting career at a Nashville radio station.

Today, Oprah Winfrey - talk show host, philanthropist, entertainment executive - still spends her spare time reading.



Many children are also reading in their spare time, even choosing to exercise their reading skills through the summer. But for many of us, when we hear the word "summer" the next word that comes to mind is "vacation."

Summer is a time for long days at the beach or pool, picnics in the park, and staying up late. But kids who close their books along with the school doors can forget much of what they learned during the year. Children, especially those struggling in school, can't afford to take a vacation from reading.

Reading is a skill that must be taught, supported, and sustained. Supporting children's reading activities - even simply reading daily with a child - requires substantial commitment from parents, older brothers and sisters, and caring adults such as grandparents. This is particularly true during the summer when hard-won skills can be quickly erased.

Even without the structure of the school day, there are still lessons to learn. Summer is the perfect time to capitalize on children's natural curiosity and engage them in activities of all kinds. Kids can use the break from school to explore their interests through books and computers. But it shouldn't be a self-guided expedition. Involvement from parents or other caring adults is critical to success.

Adults can offer stimulating experiences to children who want to read and learn. Whether it's a weekly outing to the library, museum, or bookstore, adults who pay attention to children's interests can make a difference.

When outings aren't possible, make virtual trips with a computer. Many public libraries, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Networks, or community centers are wired to the Internet. Adults and children can travel together on the information superhighway.

Sometimes of course, ideal levels of parent involvement aren't possible. The kids may be out of school, but work for moms and dads continues. That's why the U.S. Department of Education's American Reads Challenge has asked youth and community organizations, retired citizens, and other caring adults to join with teachers and parents to keep all children reading this summer.

The America Reads Challenge has developed free and easy-to-use materials that can help.

- You can call toll free 1-877-4ED-PUBS to get your free **Read*Write*Now! Activity Poster.** It has a colorful illustration on the front, and six weekly activities for children in grades K-6 on the back. The poster is available in both English and Spanish.
- You can visit the U.S. Department of Education's Web sit (http://www.ed.gov/Family/RWN/Activ97/) and download or print the **Read*Write*Now! Activities for Reading and Writing Fun.** There you will find suggested reading lists, a reading and vocabulary log, and many activities for kids and reading partners to share.
- While you're on-line, have kids visit the "Kids' Only" area of the America Reads Challenge Web site (http://www.ed.gov/inits/americareads/) where they can submit reviews of their favorite books and read other reviews from kids across the country.

If you know a child whose parents cannot help him to read this summer, offer to assist. Every adult can help a child become a better reader. Start now and take advantage of all the summer has to offer: sunny days, outdoor play, and plenty of time for the children in your life to read, explore, learn and grow.

Richard W. Riley is the U.S. Secretary of Education and grandfather of ten.

Mead Johnson recalls on batch of ProSobee 8 ounce ready-to-use infant formula

Mead Johnson Nutritionals , in keeping with its commitment to provide safe and healthy nutrition to infants, is informing parents about a recent product labeling error.

As a precaution, the company is recalling one batch (approximately 7,000 cases) of 8-ounce ready- to-use ProSobee infant formula sold in 4-pack fiberboard cartons. All other batches of 8 ounce ProSobee and all other forms of ProSobee - powder, liquid concentrate and 32 ounce ready-to-use — are not affected.

The batch in question, coded **INOV99/PROSOB/AKNI3**, began shipping to stores late last year. One can in the batch was found to be mislabeled as ProSobee when in fact it contained Vanilla Sustacal bearing code **IMAYOONSUST/AKN43H**. Sustacal, an adult nutritional supplement, contains both milk and soy proteins. It is not known if other cans are mislabeled but there is the possibility that a few more cans may be mislabeled.

The composition of Sustacal, the mislabeled product, differs in caloric density, nutrient and water content from that of ProSobee. Sustacal also looks, smells and tastes different than ProSobee. for infants who are ill and at risk of dehydration, art: highly sensitive to milk proteins, or have galactosemia, use of the mislabeled product has the potential to cause severe medical problems if consumed.

The recalled ProSobee was distributed nationwide through retail stores and pharmacies. The recall was initiated after the Mead Johnson Nutritionals Customer Resource Center received a telephone call from a parent who had noted physical and organoleptic (smell), differences between one can of ProSobee and other cans used previously, After subsequent investigation, it was determined that the can in question bore the embossed identification of another Mead Johnson product, Vanilla Sustacal, a product formulated to meet the nutritional needs of an adult consumer. The three other cans in the 4-pack carton were all correctly labeled infant formula.

No illness related to this batch of ProSobee has been reported to Mead Johnson. However, parents should check cans of 8-ounce ready-to-use ProSobee for the above codes and these should be returned to Mead Johnson Nutritionals. Consumers can call 1-888-587-7275 for return instructions.

"As a company trusted by parents throughout the world, we won't take chances with our products or our customers," said Dr. J. Roberto Moran, vice president, medical affairs. Mead Johnson Nutritionals. "We are taking these extra precautionary measures to minimize any risks to infants in the extremely unlikely event of exposure. "

Parents with questions regarding the recall may call the Mead Johnson Customer Resource Center at 1-888-587-7275.

ESJC's Youth College to be held July 12-16 on Ft. Rucker campus

Enterprise State Junior College's famous and popular Youth College will be held in the NEW Fort Rucker Campus classrooms, Building #4502, July 12-16. Students in grades three through eight will enjoy exciting and stimulating classes such as *Mom, I Blew Up the Science Lab, In the Pottery Shoppe, Darkroom Magic, Crazy About Computers, Art Factory, Cartoons and Caricatures*, and more. Each course has a $20 registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students. Some classes also have additional supply fees. If a student registers for three classes, he or she will receive a free Youth College T-shirt. To register, parents must come by the ESJC Administration Building in Enterprise or the ESJC office at Fort Rucker in Building #4502 on Kingsman Street. No registrations will be taken over the telephone. Parents MUST also bring children's social security numbers in order to register him/her for classes. Fees are due at the time of registration. Grade levels refer to the grade the child will enter in the fall of 1999.

Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN by PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: *" He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes. "*

Moving A Mountain, One Dollar At A Time

Dear Mr. Ross: Several months back I posed a question to you and you had the answer. I was fund raising for the Marquette County YMCA and wanted to know if you could help. In addition to your donation of $1,000, you also asked your readers to send $1 each.

I come to you again with question in hand. How do I and the YMCA staff ever begin to thank you and your readers? Over 10,000 letters came to us with well over $1 in each, totalling $51,197.17.

The national exposure you gave us was a real boost. How do we begin to thank you for creating the awareness of our need? Knowing you, you'd tell us that your thanks would come about by our using every dollar to complete the facility, whereby giving our community's children a safe place to learn and play.

Although we're $200,000 short of our goal, your efforts have made a tremendous difference. We made some changes to the pool design to reduce the cost, and are cutting any corners that won't take away from the structural integrity of the plan.

We have made the commitment to finish the building and continue the fund raising campaign as we go. Our greatest hope is that as businesses and residents see this wonderful structure going up, it will become more of a reality to them and they will open their hearts and wallets to help us finish this project.

It's a huge goal, Mr. Ross, but we knew that when we began. But with your help, and the help from your truly wonderful readers, we are that much further along. Please accept my most heartfelt thank you, with a personal invitation to cut the ribbon with us at our grand opening.

Most importantly, be sure to share my thanks on behalf of the entire Marquette County YMCA staff, directors and members, to your readers for their incredible generosity. Even now I have tears in my eyes remembering opening each letter and reading the beautiful words of encouragement. I just wished I could thank each one now for personally helping us along.

Mary Tavernini ... *Mining Journal*, Marquette, MI

Dear Readers: I've heard from so many of you who donated money to this tremendously deserving cause, asking what the outcome was. So there you have it–this project is still $200,000 short of its goal. And because I believe so strongly in what a YMCA can mean within a community for children and adults, I come to you once again.

If we all ban together, we can see this project through. It's not that I'm interested in attending a ribbon cutting ceremony. My interests lie in leaving a legacy for children through the support of this column.

It must be common knowledge by now that that support has always been in the strength of my readers. If we could see this project through to completion, it would teach children a precious lesson in life. A lesson which says that through the efforts of many hands a job can be completed. And why? Well in this particular case it was because it was something everyone was capable of–sending $1.

From the Sharing is Caring Foundation I'm making a second $1,000 contribution. Will you please join me once again and make a $1 donation to: The YMCA of Marquette County, P.O. Box 441, Marquette, MI 49855. Your dollar will make a difference–your dollar will count.

This is too important of a cause to turn our backs now. You can't always measure the success of a child in terms of dollars. What the YMCA cultivates in youth, like morality, ethics, team spirit and a broad sense of fair-mindedness, is what really counts. Let's get the job done.

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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Coffee County School System's SAT Test Scores show improvement

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its second noon meeting last Wednesday, June 30, with the majority of the discussion on student testing results.

Superintendent of Coffee County Schools Rodger Bowden said, "Overall, the students performed well."

In comparing this past year's results with the 1996-97 scores, the students showed an overall improvement of 6 percentage points.

Supt. Bowden said the numbers were encouraging; however, we still need more work.

"We must always strive to do better," he said.

The tests are the Stanford Achievement Series combined with the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, and the scores are used as a guide or "measuring stick" as to how well the schools are doing in educating the students.

Bowden told board members that in grades three, five, six, seven and nine, there was an improvement over last year's scores, but in three grades - four, eight and eleven - there was a slight drop.

He said all grades, with the exception of grade 10, scored at or above the national average. Tenth grade students' overall score was only slightly lower.

This statistic was the same state wide which indicates as a whole, Alabama schools are offering solid instruction that progress continues to be made in many areas.

Stanford test scores are used in assigning an academic status for schools and school systems in the state. Special education students' scores are not included in classifying a school or system as Academic Clear, Academic Caution or Academic Alert.

A school or school system is classified as Academic Clear if a majority of the students score at the 40th percentile or above. Academic Caution is the classification for those schools or systems whose student majority scores below the 40th percentile. For those schools or systems whose student majority scores below the 23rd percentile, the classification is Academic Alert.

The following is the county system's test results given in national individual percentile rank (percentile rank indicates the relative standing of a student in comparison with students in the same grade in the norm group who took the test at a comparable time):

Total Reading: Grade 3 - 58; Grade 4 - 56; Grade 5 - 58; Grade 6 - 64; Grade 7 - 55; Grade 8 - 54; Grade 9 - 45; Grade 10 - 39; Grade 11 - 43.

Total Mathematics: Grade 3 - 65; Grade 4 - 53; Grade 5 - 68; Grade 6 - 75; Grade 7 - 56; Grade 8 - 44; Grade 9 - 54; Grade 10 - 39; Grade 11 - 43.

Language: Grade 3 - 61; Grade 4 - 55; Grade 5 - 60; Grade 6 - 67; Grade 7 - 66; Grade 8 - 57; Grade 9 - 60; Grade 10 - 52; Grade 11 - 57.

Science: Grade 3 - 65; Grade 4 - 56; Grade 5 - 66; Grade 6 - 67; Grade 7 - 68; Grade 8 - 60; Grade 9 - 54; Grade 10 - 53; Grade 11 - 42.

Social Science: Grade 3 - 55; Grade 4 - 55; Grade 5 - 60; Grade 6 - 65; Grade 7 - 57; Grade 8 - 55; Grade 9 - 51; Grade 10 - 47; Grade 11 - 54.

Statewide, the Coffee County School System was ranked 19th (tied with 6 other schools and/or systems)with and average SAT score of 57. The highest SAT test score average in the state was 86 (Mountain Brook) and the lowest was 31 (Lowndes County).

The administration will study the tests results and make any changes that they feel will produce better results on next year's test scores.

Turning to other matters of business, the board amended the budget to reflect an increase in health insurance rates and added costs to cover an additional two annual in-service days for teachers.

The plans to construct a new baseball field at Zion Chapel High School were discussed and Supt. Bowden reported on an on-site observation by state, county and school officials. It was decided that the superintendent should proceed with preliminary plans for the work to be performed by National Guard units during summer camp exercises. Also, at the suggestion of county highway department officials, it was approved to do some preliminary work to see if the site was suitable for excavation. It was noted that it would be next summer before the guards would be able to begin any work on the project should it be deemed okay to do so.

Supt. Bowden reported that as of July 1st, the Alabama Child Protection Act has been implemented. The act mandates that background checks be made on any individual seeking employment with a school system regardless of whether it be as a teacher, support person or bus driver. No person will be hired who has a record of abusing children in any manner. These checks will be made by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, as well as, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The board awarded contracts for new computer equipment, and the supplying of bread and dairy products for the up-coming school year. Gulf Coast Computer Services was the low bidder on 30 - 40 computers at $39,000 and Colonial Bread Company and Barber Milk were successful bidders on supplying school with bread and milk.

Board members also approved the implementation of the new promotion and retention policy presented to them for review in the June 14 meeting.

Finally, Bowden told board members that it appeared construction of the new classrooms - six at Zion Chapel and six at New Brockton - would possibly begin in August. Final plans will be submitted to the board for its approval at the next meeting.

GRAND OPENING... The Dollar Bee Plus formerly opens it does last Thursday, July 1, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The owners and employees of the new business located in downtown Elba on the square welcomed everyone and treated them with refreshments and entertainment. The business is in the building formerly occupied by Riverside Market and Whitman Drug. Dollar Bee promises to take the "sting" out of prices with every item costing $1.00 or less. Those in attendance for the ribbon cutting are pictured above. They are (l-r): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Dawn Austin Chamber Greeter; Kerry Johnson; Jack Bell, owner; Doris Matthews; Frances Bradshaw; Courtney Parrish, Little Miss Elba; Donnie Morrow, Elba City Clerk (standing in for the mayor; Nikki Fuller, Future Little Miss Elba; Glenda Jackson; Mike Parker; Pam Bell, manager of The Dollar Bee; Jimmy Harrison; Essie Bell; Debbie Richardson; Keith Bell; Joel Matthews; Sonya Smith; and Herby McCall.

DRAIN CLEANING...Last Wednesday, June 30, members of the Elba Fire Department volunteered their time not to put out a fire, but instead, to help city employees clean some of the lines of the drainage system in Elba. This is an ongoing project of the city to improve water drainage off the streets during rainy weather. City clerk Don Morrow said the city is fortunate to have the help of the fire department for such projects. He said slowly but surely, the city hopes eventually to have water flowing well through all the lines. On Wednesday, the lines by the First Baptist Church and GTE telephone office were cleaned. Morrow said he feels everyone will notice an improvement in these areas considering the large amount of trash that was removed, as well as, the large antifreeze jug which was pulled from the line by the telephone office. In the above picture, Jeff Driggers takes a closeup look at how the water is flowing through the line behind First Baptist Church while Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers and some city employees try to figure out exactly where the water is going.

Republicans select straw poll delegates

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

Coffee County Republicans met on Saturday, June 26, to select delegates who will attend Alabama's first Republican Presidential Straw Poll.

On August 28, 1999, Birmingham will be the gathering place for 3,008 delegates and 602 alternates from across the state. They will listen to those Republican candidates for president who chose to come to Alabama and address the group. They will then cast a "ballot" for their favorite.

Because Alabama holds its primary in June (next year), the field of candidates has usually narrowed by that time and the state's Republicans have had little say so in the process.

Coffee County GOP Chairman Al Patterson feels that by holding an early "straw poll convention" the local party can play a bigger role in selecting the next Republican candidate for president.

According to local Republicans, this will be the first poll of its kind in the South and should attract a lot of attention.

The convention in Birmingham will be open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to do so; however, only the 3,008 "official delegates" or alternates will be allowed to cast a ballot in the straw poll.

Coffee County's delegation will be made up of all Republican elected officials which consists of the following: Congressman Terry Everett, Probate Judge William O. Gammill, District Attorney Mark Fuller, Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, County Commissioner-District 2 Kayo Lewis, County Commissioner-District 6 Len Averett, County Commissioner-District 7 Tom Grimsley, and Republican Chairman Albert Patterson.

In addition to the elected officials, the following thirty-five individuals were chosen to represent local Republicans. They are: Dwight Adams, Leslie A. Adams, Wm. P. Ayer, Joan F. Ayer, Jason Bruce, Jack Brunson, Charmine W. Carter, William I. Carter, Barbara G. Everett, Mitzi Fergerson, Norman Fergerson, Ben B. Henderson Jr., Oliver Heath Sr., Elsie Hilton, Roy Hilton, Janice Hughes, Moses Kim, Christine Lindsey, Randy Lunsford, James L. Locke, Sharon L. Locke, Anita Metcalf, Kevin M. Moore, Garreth Moore, Billy Murdock, Maxwell McCullar, Lance Oliver, David M. Patterson, Jackie Judy Phillips, Robert Shaw, Lawrence Tessier, Jackie Thompson, William Voth, Mary Wallace, and Lynn A. White.

The county's seven alternate delegates will be selected from people who are active in the local Republican party but were unable to

NEWS BRIEF

The search continues for the "missing six" which have not been seen or heard from for two months. The six individuals who are missing are: Lamar James Stackhouse, Angela Roberts Young, and Eula Jossett Lee all residents of Enterprise; James Anthony Reynolds of Webb, Ala.; Valerie Jones McCoy of Daleville, Ala.; and Tamara Monique Ward of Ozark, Ala. They were last seen on May 8 at approximately 3:15 a.m. as they were leaving a local nightclub in Opp, Ala. Investigators with the Enterprise Police Department, which is spearheading the investigation, reports no new leads have come in. A total reward of $10,500 has been offered for information leading to the whereabouts of the missing individuals. Anyone having any information about any of these missing persons or the circumstances concerning their disappearance is asked to contact the Enterprise Police Department at 347-1211 ext. 214, the District Attorney's office or the nearest law enforcement agency.

Congressman Terry Everett relocates Dothan Office

Congressman Terry Everett is relocating his Dothan congressional office from the current location in the Federal Building downtown to the Brightleaf Court off Honeysuckle Road as of July 7th (yesterday).

The Congressman announced that the move is necessitated by the U. S. Government's decision to nearly double the rent it charges his congressional office space in the Federal building. The U. S. Government's General Service Administration (GSA) is the landlord of the federal property and sets rent cost.

Given the drastic increase in rent without an explanation from the GSA, I feel that the taxpayers would be better served by relocating the office," Congressman Everett said.

He noted rent costs would actually be lower than the current location even before the GSA rent increase.

Congressman Everett's current office is located at 100 West Troy Street, downtown Dothan. As of Wednesday, July 7, Congressman Everett's new office is located at 256 Honeysuckle Road, Brightleaf Court, Suite 15, Dothan, AL 36305. The office telephone number (334)794-9680, will remain the same.

Congressman Everett regrets any inconvenience the relocation of his office might present to area residents; however, he believes the move will be a beneficial one to the public.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, July 12, 1999, morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 12, 1999, in the town hall council chamber.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETING The Elba Athletic Club will hold a meeting on Monday, July 12, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 North Claxton Avenue. All parents of student-athletes at Elba High School, and supporters of athletics at Elba High School, are encouraged to attend this meeting.

AGRICULTURE PAGEANT & TALENT FIND The 1999 Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant and Coffee County Talent Find will be held July 23, 1999 at Enterprise High School. The pageant is open to all young ladies ages 17-25 and the talent find is open to all young ladies and men ages 17-25. There is no entry fee. For more information or an application contact Betsy Watson at 897-8243, Sharon Caylor at 894-5624 or Holly Watson at 347-3727. The deadline for all applications is Friday, July 16.